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SUKHI 222 Clean Water Pilot Program reaches rural Botswana

A small shipment of water filters capable of preventing the spread of cholera, typhoid, and other bacterial illnesses have arrived in Botswana thanks to a donation by Sukhi 222 International and the partnership between the Dadek Orphanage Home Association and Bobonong Water Utilities. The 24 Sawyer filters will be installed in schools and clinics in the Molalatawana region and parts of Dauemeja le Bana over the next weeks by Isabel Zibusiso Gobela and the Sukhi 222 Champions she leads. This small project will demonstrate what cooperation and the use of available technology can do to impact the access to clean water for over 1,000 people.

Charles Holsopple, the founder of Sukhi 222, stressed it is critical for the filters to be properly maintained by members of the community to continue using them for the next 10 years to benefit the most people possible.

Sukhi 222 International is a collection of people and associations who realize all human beings are better off if each one of us has access, with dignity, to clean water, to secure shelter, and to nutritious food. Holsopple said he'd like to thank Gobela and others who are working in difficult conditions to help others to access 2 gallons of clean water (7.6 liters.) "This is only possible through cooperation," he said.

Botswana joins sixteen other countries in forming Sukhi 222 chapters carrying out similar water filter projects with excellent results. Filter installation by Sukhi222 teams in Rwanda, Nigeria, Uganda, Malawi, Pakistan, Tanzania, Nepal, Ghana, Kenya and Cameroon have recently been completed. In Mozambique, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Sudan, DRC and South Africa, chapters prepare for their distribution.

Holsopple's vision is to incubate Sukhi 222 chapters in every country and help create jobs while expanding the filter program to the scale required. This is one pillar of a global strategy to allocate more resources to food, water, and shelter. These small water filter projects are evidence of what is required and what is possible if Phase 2 is funded. They reveal the cost of deploying the filters can be reduced to \$50 per filter while helping provide local jobs.

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